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REPORT AGRICULTURAL ADVANCES

WHEAT, RYE YIELDS UP -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 30 Sep 50

In spite of the drought, the 1950 wheat and rye yields exceeded prewar (1930 - 1940) crops by an average of 70 kilograms per cadastral yoke. The total number of cattle on the farms is now 109 percent of the 1938 figure, and the number of hogs exceeds the prewar level by 25 percent. Although horse and sheep stocks are still below prewar figures, there has been a more rapid increase in their number than at any time. While in the 4 years between 1935 - 1938, the number of cattle increased 7 percent, the rate of increase between 1947 - 1950 was 28 percent. For the same years, the number of swine increased only 2 percent before the war, and increased 95 percent after the war.

In 1948, 160,000 cadastral yokes were plowed by machinery; this increased to 1,240,000 cadastral yokes in 1949, and to 2,400,000 cadastral yokes in 1950 for an increase of 15 percent in 2 years. In the previous agricultural year, 180,000 quintals of wheat and rye seed were made available to the agricultural industry for planting and this year the amount increased to 677,000 quintals, or a nearly fourfold increase. There was a similarly rapid development in the artificial fertilizer industry.

The production of hoed crops, fruits and vegetables is still under that planned for the first-year of the Five-Year Plan.

The area under irrigation has been increased from 24,000 cadastral yokes in 1939 to 56,000 cadastral yokes in 1950.

CROP-COLLECTION DRIVE FAILS -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 9 Sep 50

The "Constitutional Anniversary" (Saint Stephan's Holiday) crop collection drive ended in a fiasco. The enormous quantity of propaganda and efforts of the agitators were without effect. The 4-forint

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premium per quintal for crops surrendered before 20 August failed, also. According to a report of the Ministry of Internal Trade, seven counties completed their crop collection on time. The remaining 12 have completed crop collection only to the following extent (in percent): Bacs-Kiskun 98.3, Borsod-Abauj-Zemplen 97, Baranya 87, Veszprem 87.06, Fejer 83.08, Zala 80.09, Csongrad 80.06, Gyor 80.03, Pest 78.01, Somogy 75.04, and Vas 64.01.

Bitter feeling arose among the peasants against the threshing supervisors, because the supervisors erected tents and ate and drank their fill while watching the work of the sweating peasants from the shade, and tried at every opportunity to swindle the peasants. In many cases, the ignorance of mechanics of the agricultural machine stations hindered the regular work of threshing. In many places, threshers were disassembled on the pretense of defect, while the real cause of the stoppage was a shortage of operating material.

ONE MILLION PEASANTS TO BE COLLECTIVIZED -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyaroszagrol, 2 Sep 50

Only 6 percent of the peasant population of Hungary could be forced into the collectives so far. Ernő Gero, Minister of State, has prepared a plan to collectivize all of the one million independent peasants. Organizational activity for the realization of this plan is to begin early in September. The 200 peasants who were recently taken on a trip to the USSR will be used for propagandizing Gero's plan.

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